



HEADQUARTERS
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Our Ref: HQ26210

23 September 2026

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 04 September 2026 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

For reference, you requested:

RFI 1: The total number of prisoners who are recorded as breaching prison rules in the calendar years 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date.

RFI 2: The number of separate breaches of prison rules in the calendar years 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date.

RFI 3: Of those prisoners currently serving sentences, a list of the top ten individuals with the highest number of breaches of prison rules. For example, Prisoner 1 has breached rules 50 times, Prisoner 2 has breached rules 40 times etc.

RFI 4: The number of prisoners who are recorded as breaching prison rules in the calendar years 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date – broken down by each prison. For example, X many in HMP Kilmarnock in 2025, Y many in HMP Barlinnie in 2024 etc.

If this request exceeds the cost or time limit set out in the fees regulations, please advise how I can refine or narrow my request to bring it within the limit. For example, prioritizing questions 1 and 2 for a specific subset of years or establishments.

If any of this information is already publicly available or held in an existing statistical disclosure log, please provide directions or direct links to where I can access it.

I look forward to receiving your response.

We have now completed our search for the information you requested.

RFI 1 Response: A total of **13616** individuals were recorded as breaching prison rules over this timeframe.

RFI 2 Response:

Breaches of discipline by calendar year

Year	No. of Breaches
2023	6658
2024	6904
2025	6690
2026	5232
Total	25484

RFI 3 Response:

Please see below a list of the top ten individuals with the highest number of breaches of prison rules during the timeframe:

Individual	No. of Breaches
1	143
2	111
3	105
4	98
5	94
6	94
7	92
8	90
9	87
10	86

RFI 4 Response:

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Establishment	2023	2024	2025	2026
HMP Addiewell	781	844	763	599
HMP Barlinnie	1052	983	974	748
Bella Centre (CCU)	5	8	14	<5
HMP & YOI Cornton Vale	20	0	0	0
HMP Dumfries	155	159	134	89
HMP Edinburgh	812	748	725	604
HMP Glenochil	516	556	565	414
HMP & YOI Grampian	553	531	533	418
HMP Greenock	230	198	198	148
HMP Inverness	167	162	127	101
HMP Kilmarnock	682	731	631	398
Lilias Centre (CCU)	<5	8	10	<5
HMP Low Moss	771	881	885	647
HMP Castle Huntly	66	61	49	46
HMP Perth	777	778	781	587

HMP & YOI Polmont	381	537	648	440
HMP Shotts	377	432	442	309
HMP & YOI Stirling	103	201	187	152

Where the number involved is small, disclosure of a specific figure could lead to the identification of individuals. In these circumstances, the information has been withheld under section 38(1)(b) of FOISA (personal information) and is presented as less than five (<5).

This concludes our response to your request.

If you are unhappy with this response to your request, you may ask us to conduct an internal review, by writing to The Chief Executive, One Lochside, 1 Lochside Avenue, Edinburgh, EH12 9DJ. Your request should explain why you wish a review to be conducted and should be made within forty working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within twenty working days of receipt. If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Adviser